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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

JAMES AARON LOWE

REGISTER 03545  
MO.

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CITY OF HOLLISTER, MO

DEFENDANT

CASE NO.

6-34 61-CV-S-MDH

DEFENDANTS ARE SUED IN THEIR

INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

OFFICIAL CAPACITY

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COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT  
OF U.S.C. § 1983

I. PLACE OF CONFINEMENT OF PLAINTIFF(S)

TANEY COUNTY JAIL, FORSYTH, MO 65653

II. PARTIES TO THIS CIVIL ACTION

A. PLAINTIFF JAMES AARON LOWE No. 03545

ADDRESS PO BOX 1005 FORSYTH MO 65653

B. DEFENDANT JASON FLOWERS

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HOLLISTER MO 65672 EMPLOYED AS: POLICE OFFICER CITY OF HOLLISTER, MO

C. DEFENDANT ALECIA SMITH

EMPLOYED AS: COURT CLERK CITY OF HOLLISTER, MO  
312 ESPLANADE ST HOLLISTER MO 65672

## COMPLAINT 1

ON OR ABOUT JANUARY OF 2014 HOLLISTER MO POLICE OFFICER JASON FLOWERS ACTING AS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF HOLLISTER, MO AND BY HIS OWN INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JAMES AARON LOWE'S FEDERALLY PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHTS BY USING EXCESSIVE FORCE CAUSING PHYSICAL HARM AND ASSAULTING HIS PERSON.

JAMES AARON LOWE WAS IN HIS VEHICLE WITH HEATHER PAIN PARKED IN A OPEN, PUBLICLY ACCESSABLE PARKING LOT LOCATED IN FRONT OF BRANSON ARCHERY IN HOLLISTER MISSOURI AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN (11) PM ON A SATURDAY. HIS VEHICLE HAD OVERHEATED AND LOWE WAS WAITING FOR THE ENGINE TO COOL WHEN OFFICER JASON FLOWERS OF THE HOLLISTER POLICE DEPT. ARRIVED.

OFFICER FLOWERS ACTING WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE OR REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE A CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED TOLD LOWE THAT HE WAS TRESPASSING AND THAT HIS DRIVERS LICENSE WAS SUSPENDED AND THAT HE WAS UNDER ARREST AND HIS VEHICLE WOULD BE TOWED. JAMES AARON LOWE SUBMITTED TO THE ARREST AND WAS PLACED IN HANDCUFFS AND SECURED IN OFFICER FLOWERS PATROL VEHICLE.

JAMES LOWE BEGAN YELLING AT OFFICER FLOWERS WHILE SECURED IN HANDCUFFS IN THE

PATROL VEHICLE. OFFICER FLOWERS AND ANOTHER HOLLISTER POLICE OFFICER CAME TO THE VEHICLE AND JASON FLOWERS SAID TO THE OTHER OFFICER "ARE YOU READY TO DO THIS?" BOTH OFFICERS THEN EXTRACTED LOWE FROM THE VEHICLE AND SLAMMED HIM INTO THE CONCRETE PARKING LOT WHILE STILL RESTRAINED IN HANDCUFFS. OFFICER FLOWERS KICKED LOWE SEVERAL TIMES AND THEN STOOD ON THE BACK OF HIS NECK WITH HIS BOOT FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. AFTER THE ~~ASSAULT~~ ASSAULT JAMES LOWE WAS RETURNED TO JASON FLOWERS PATROL CAR AND TRANSPORTED TO THE HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT. UPON ARRIVAL, A SARGEANT SAW LOWES CONDITION AND CALLED TALEY COUNTY AMBULANCE FOR LOWE. THE EMT OBSERVED LOWES CONDITION, MOST NOTABLY DEFORMITY IN HIS RIGHT SHOULDER AREA AND SUGGESTED HE GO TO COX HOSPITAL STATING "HIS SHOULDER DOES NOT LOOK RIGHT." LOWE REFUSED TREATMENT AT THAT MOMENT AND THE E.M.T. ADVISED LOWE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL THE FOLLOWING DAY.

LOWE WENT TO COX HOSPITAL THE NEXT DAY TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. X-RAYS REVEALED A LEVEL 2 SEPERATION IN HIS SHOULDER AND A TORN ROTATOR CUFF IN HIS RIGHT SHOULDER AS WELL. THE DOCTOR REFERRED LOWE TO A SPECIALIST STATING SURGERY MAY BE NEEDED AND WAS

RELEASED. THE INCIDENT WAS CAPTURED ON THE OTHER OFFICER'S BODY CAM DEVICE AT BRANSON ARCHERY. THE ASSAULT VIOLATED JAMES LOWE'S FEDERALLY PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHTS AGAINST EXCESSIVE ~~THE~~ USE OF FORCE.

THE RESULTING DAMAGES INCLUDE EXTREME PHYSICAL PAIN FOR EIGHT (8) MONTHS, LIMITED MOBILITY OF HIS RIGHT ARM FINANCIAL LOSSES AND MENTAL PROBLEMS DUE TO THE ASSAULT AND TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE.

## COMPLAINT 2

ON JANUARY OF 2014 IN HOLLISTER MISSOURI AT BRANSON ARCHERY, OFFICER JASON FLOWERS ACTING AS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF HOLLISTER MISSOURI AND BY HIS OWN INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS VIOLATED JAMES AARON LOWE'S FEDERALLY PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHTS BY ARRESTING AND ~~CH~~ BRINGING CRIMINAL CHARGES OF RESISTING ARREST AND TRESPASSING KNOWING THAT REASONABLE SUSPICION OR PROBABLE CAUSE DID NOT SUPPORT SUCH CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

JASON FLOWERS ARRESTED JAMES LOWE IN BRANSON ARCHERY'S PARKING LOT AFTER LOWE COULD NOT MOVE HIS VEHICLE DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THE PARKING LOT WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE PRESENCE OF A NO TRESPASSING SIGN DID NOT EXIST AND THE PROPERTY WAS NOT SECURED BY A

PERIMETER FENCE THUS GIVING NO PROBABLE  
 CAUSE TO AFFECT THE ARREST. ALSO NO COM-  
 PLANT HAD BEEN REPORTED ON JAMES LOWE  
 CONCERNING TRESPASSING ON THE PROPERTY.  
 THE CITY CODE OF HOLLISTER MISSOURI CLEARLY  
 STATES ~~OR~~ AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FORE-  
 GOING FACTORS MUST EXIST TO BE CHARGED  
 WITH TRESPASSING. IN ADDITION OFFICER  
 JASON FLOWERS CHARGED JAMES LOWE  
 WITH RESISTING ARREST IN AN ATTEMPT TO  
 COVER UP A ASSAULT AND USE OF EXCESS-  
 IVE FORCE UPON JAMES LOWE. OFFICER  
 FLOWERS CHARGED JAMES LOWE WITH  
 RESISTING ARREST ONLY AFTER HE AND  
 ANOTHER OFFICER~~S~~ EXTRACTED JAMES LOWE  
 FROM FLOWERS'S VEHICLE AND ASSAULTED  
 HIM WHILE HE WAS IN HANDCUFF RE-  
 STRAINTS. THE UNKNOWN OFFICER RECORD-  
 ED THE INCIDENT ON HIS BODY CAM DEVICE  
 AND THAT VIDEO IS AT THE HOLLISTER  
 POLICE DEPT. AND THE PROSECUTOR FOR  
 THE CITY OF HOLLISTER, ~~HAVE~~ HANK  
 GRIFFIN IS IN POSSESSION OF A COPY  
 AS WELL. THE FOREGOING FACTS PLACE  
 OFFICER JASON FLOWERS IN VIOLATION OF  
 JAMES AARON LOWE'S FEDERALLY PROTECTED  
 CIVIL RIGHTS.

THE RESULTING DAMAGES INCLUDE DEPRIVATION

OF LIBERTY DUE TO THE ILLEGAL ARREST  
LOSS OF INCOME AND PROPERTY LOSS DUE  
TO HIS VEHICLE BEING TOWED ILLEGALLY.

### COMPLAINT 3

ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER OF 2014 THE COURT CLERK  
FOR THE CITY OF HOLLISTER MISSOURI, ALICIA SMITH  
THROUGH HER OWN ACTIONS AND ACTING AS A  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF HOLLISTER  
MISSOURI VIOLATED JAMES AARON LOWE'S FEDERALLY  
PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY SUBMITT-  
ING A FICTITIOUS TRAFFIC VIOLATION OF  
ALLUDING AN OFFICER TO THE MISSOURI DEPART-  
MENT OF REVENUE'S DRIVERS LICENSE BUR-  
EAU SUSPENDING HIS DRIVERS LICENSE FOR  
ONE (1) YEAR, KNOWING THAT SUCH A VIOLATION  
HAD NEVER BEEN ISSUED TO JAMES A LOWE.  
JAMES LOWE WAS INFORMED THIS BY THE  
RECORDS DEPARTMENT IN JEFFERSON CITY  
MISSOURI AND WAS TOLD THAT THE CITY OF  
HOLLISTER WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE THE VIO-  
LATION IN ORDER TO CLEAR HIS DRIVING  
RECORD AND RELEASE THE SUSPENSION.  
MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BY MR LOWE  
TO CLEAR THE SITUATION BUT WAS MEET  
WITH RESISTANCE BY ALICIA SMITH THE  
COURT CLERK. DISPUTE NUMEROUS REQUESTS  
TO SEE A COPY OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION

LOWE WAS NEVER ABLE TO RESOLVE THE SUSPENSION AND THE COURT CLERK NEVER ~~PER~~ FIXED THE PROBLEM THROUGH JEFFERSON CITY.

THE RESULTING DAMAGES INCLUDE DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY AND LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO INABILITY TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO WORK.

**RELIEF** - I AM SEEKING TO RECOVER MEDICAL EXPENSES FROM THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE I AM SEEKING OFFICER FLOWERS BE TERMINATED FROM THE HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT, I AM SEEKING MY DRIVING RECORD AND THE CONVICTIONS FOR RESISTING ARREST AND TRESPASSING BE EXPUNGED FROM MY RECORD AND I AM SEEKING ONE (1) MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGES.

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT

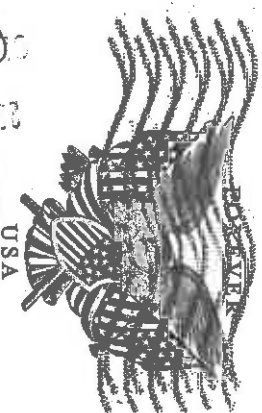
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